

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 21, in which the coil, body, and hook are constructed of wire.
3. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 2, in which the wire used to construct the coil, body, and hook is a single integral length of wire.
4. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 2, in which the wire is made of stainless steel.
5. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 21, in which the coil is comprised of one or more loops.
6. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 21, in which the coil is comprised of a partial loop.
7. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 21, in which the coil is configured to be retained within the cap by spring tension against the cap.
8. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 21, in which the body is further configured with an intermediate bend providing a space that accommodates a feature of the cap.
9. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 8, in which the intermediate bend provides a space that accommodates a vent in the cap.
10. (Previously presented) The hanger of Claim 21, in which the hanger is further configured to remain in the cap when the cap is attached to the container.
11. (Currently amended) Apparatus for securing a cap of a container to an external structure when the cap is removed from the container, the apparatus comprising:
 - (a) retaining structure including an eyelet sized to receive a fastener that can be secured within the interior of the cap, the retaining structure ~~being further configured to use friction to releasably engage the interior of the cap~~ further including a coil configured to engage the interior of the cap when the apparatus is installed in the cap, wherein outward spring tension from the coil presses the coil against the interior of the cap and retains the coil in the cap; and

(b) securing structure connected to the retaining structure that releasably secures the cap to an external structure when the retaining structure is installed inside the cap and the cap is removed from the container.

12-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, in which the securing structure is a clip.

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, in which the securing structure is a hook.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, in which the securing structure is a loop with a closure mechanism.

19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 11, in which the retaining structure is further shaped with an intermediate bend forming a space that accommodates a feature of the cap.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 19, in which the intermediate bend forms a space that accommodates a vent in the cap.

21. (Previously presented) In combination, a cap and hanger apparatus comprising:

(a) a cap configured to removably cover an opening in a container; and

(b) a hanger configured with

(1) a coil sized to fit within the cap, wherein the coil is configured to exert an outward spring tension against the interior of the cap when the coil is installed inside the cap;

(2) a body connected to the coil, in which the body is configured to extend away from the coil and the cap when the coil is installed inside the cap; and

(3) a hook connected to the body, in which the hook is configured to engage an external structure for hanging the cap from the external structure when the coil is installed inside the cap and the cap is removed from the container.